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ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Hi. Thanks, Claudia. I will take the floor. I'm Annalise Williams. I'm Chair of the Internet Governance Liaison Committee. Thank you all for joining us, and thank you to those of you that I can see online as well. So today, we have the agenda is on the screen there.

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We are going to be taking a look at the proposed action plan and adopting that. But we also have with us a guest speaker. So I'm going to propose a slight change to our agenda. And we might invite Lise to speak first. But before we begin, I'll just ask whether there are any updates to statements of interest that committee members would like to report.

I will take that as a no and assume that everything remains as it was. So before we begin our working session, I'll pass over to Lise Fuhr, who is a friend of this committee. She's met with us several times before, she is the technical community representative on the Secretary General's High Level Panel for the IGF. So, Lise, thank you.

LISE FUHR

Thank you, Annaliese, and thank you for inviting me to speak here. I've used a bit of art in my presentation. Sometimes it helps keeping a focus, and today, because of the 8th of March, it's only female artists, I think we need to celebrate a bit the International Women's Day. And I see a lot of women here too, but also, I hope that all the men in the room are also supporting International Women's Day because we need to fight this fight together.

So with that, sorry, a little political statement, my first picture is from Anna Ancher. She's a very well-known painter in Denmark. A bit overshadowed by her male colleagues, but now she's regained a bit of fame. But she was part of a group of painters in the northern part of Denmark, called Skagen.

And they painted their beautiful paintings because there is a special light up there during the summer. But she's one of Skagen's painters, and I like this very much. It's harvest, you see women and men are working together here. Good. next slide, please. The next slide I have is a bit of facts. It's more to say why is IGF important? Why is that we're trying to convince everyone that we should renew the mandate of IGF?

And I think here it's important we look at the numbers and not only at, it's a nice forum to come together, but it's also one of the few forums where you can see the numbers are speaking almost for itself. We had the first one in Athens were 1,200 participants from 90 countries. 10 years later, it was 2,000 onsite and 3,000 remote.

And if we look now, 20 years later, we're up against 10,000 participants. I think this is an international powerhouse of ideas and exchanges between all the stakeholders and not only the international IGF is important, but we have in all the different countries, the regional and local IGFs.

And with that, there is a vehicle to have discussions, to raise issues, to get feedback that is not seen anywhere else in the world. So I think it's a structure that is worth to keep, but also to improve. So it's not that we should sit down or rest on the laurels and say let's keep it as is, it's more a matter of saying, here we have a unique structure that we can make even better. So with that, next slide, please.

The Secretary General of the UN made a leadership panel. It comes out of a lot of other things, but it is meant to give the following

things. So it's providing strategic input and advice to IGF. It should promote IGF and its output, part of what I'm doing now is promoting, but also to support both High Level and At-Large stakeholder engagement in the IGF and IGF fundraising efforts.

And I think it's still important that we keep a strong focus on IGF should represent everyone. So we want all stakeholders around the table. This is part of what we also recommend, and the fundraising, yeah, money is always an issue now more than ever. And I think it's important we keep a strong focus on how can we make the budget more stable for IGF.

Our last part of the terms of references that we should exchange the output from the form with other stakeholders, and facilitate the feeding of input of those to IGFs agenda setting process. And the last sentence for me is also important. We need to do this as a leadership panel together with MAG. We are not working alone. We are working closely together with MAG.

And this painting is called Domestic, it's Julie Nord. She's a Danish painter, she's born in 1970. She has this very cute paintings that has this little absurd touch to it, as you can see here. And she also paints very cute little dolls or boys and girls that looks very nice, but if you look at the details, it has a bit of danger to it. Good. Next slide, please.

So the leadership panel as you saw on the other slide had a two year term that got extended to a four year term. We all expect that this is gonna be our last year as a leadership panel. And we have a

set of priorities for this leadership panel. I hope it will be a structure to be continued after WSIS+20.

I think it has been a good vehicle to drive attention to IGF on a very high level. Having Vince served as a chair always helps, he opens a lot of doors. And it has been great to have him together with Maria Reza, who is a, a journalist from the Philippines. And also, she received the Nobel Peace Prize a couple of years ago.

They are, I don't know-- okay. They have very different views, and I think this is healthy for a panel that we are not all in full agreement. So having different perspectives helps us. But as a leadership panel, of course, what we have a strong focus on is WSIS+20. We will provide written input and participate.

As much as possible in the events that are taking place this year. We also have a strong focus on the funding of future IGFs. As I say, money is always a problem, we should have a more stable funding. We're also looking into what tangible output can we have? Of course, we have the Global Digital Compact, but that was developed in parallel when we were doing The Internet We Want Framework.

And The Internet We Want Framework, I'm gonna just talk a little bit about later. We would like to come up with a set of recommendations to the UN Secretary General, kind of making a report from the four years and end it with some strong recommendations. Part of it is in the making now, I'll also speak to those in a second.

We will participate, of course, in IGF in Oslo, looking forward to being close to Denmark for once. So for me, it's an easy one. And we are looking at creating a vision paper plus a WSIS+20 recommendations, and they are to be released soon. I will make sure to include this group in it so you can have a look at them.

The aim of this vision paper and WSIS+20 recommendation is to involve as many countries as possible and educate them a bit about what is IGF? Because we see a lot of stakeholders are not as knowledgeable about the IGF, and if we can make an easy read paper, it could be helpful.

Hilma af Klint is a Swedish painter. She's the first abstract painter, and this is called the Swan. I have another picture also called the Swan, but she would do the Swan with different strokes and kind of colors. And to me, she hasn't been recognized for actually starting the abstract movement of abstract painters, but she has a lot of paintings that was never recognized in Sweden until after her death. But that's how it goes sometimes. Next slide, please.

That's another Swan of Hilma af Klint. But the internet we want is a framework we made not from out of nothing. We took the outcome of the prior IGFs as a leadership panel. We put in, and you can see the full framework on the website. But what we think is important is that we create an internet that's whole and open, universal and inclusive, free flowing and trustworthy, safe and secure, and also rights respecting.

What is meant with each of these topics? You can see and see it on the IGF website. But these are outcomes after discussions from the

international IGFs that has been fed in from the regional and local IGFs. So, to me, this is a condensed version of the discussions that has taken place.

What we wanted to do was to see can we create a framework where we every year discuss and measure progress so we have some tangible outcomes of an IGF without overcommitting, but still showing are we progressing or are we digressing here? So to me, this could be a way to look at it and to frame some of the measuring of IGF for the future. It is to be seen if this can be incorporated together with the Global Digital Compact, because I think we should incorporate both things here.

So next slide, please. What are our recommendations? We are discussing those, so I cannot say this is the short list of our recommendations yet, because it is what we are looking at for our vision paper, but also for the paper for WSIS+20. But of course, we recommend a renewal of the IGF mandate.

If possible, one that is open-ended, so we don't have to look at it every 10 years. We think IGF should have a stronger role in the UN system and stronger recognition and a budget that is a budget line in the UN system. We would like to have clear, but also targeted communication of outputs of IGF and The Internet We Want as a reporting framework.

We are also suggesting that the IGF is a home to implement some of the ways to measure and have an overview of the Global Digital Compact. And ensuring stakeholder representation is important. It's important that we have all kind of industries, there's all kind of

governments there, politicians, the technical community, the NGOs. So all the stakeholders should have equal representation here, and none should be weighed more than others.

So what we see and what we have seen is that the way discussion has been going on in IGF has created a room where people dare to stand up and speak against governments industries, but also the other way around. So that communication, as long as it is respectful, is extremely important. We also think we should avoid duplication of efforts by creating new structures here. We have some very good structures, why make new ones? Look at the ones we have and improve them. Next slide, please.

So what is it you can do? And well, Frida Kahlo from Mexico is a no brainer as a female artist. I think she has some extremely powerful paintings, and she had, of course, also a very powerful life. But what can you do? I think all of you should go back to your countries and talk to your national representatives. And I hope the vision paper and the other the WSIS+20 recommendations that we share with this group can be inspirational, and you can use it to reach out to your governments, because it helps if you are discussing this in your countries too, it hopefully will feed back into the UN system.

And the more we discuss this, the more we explain, but also using facts in our discussions. That was why I showed you the first slide. It is a powerful argument for keeping IGF. What you can also do is you have your national IGFs, your regional IGFs, so attend, be there, discuss, attend also the international IGF if possible. I know sometimes it's a matter of money if one can participate or not, but

be there online, and those who can help funding these events, both the national, the regional, and the international IGFs.

And here I would also like to mention, the summer schools are also extremely important. So we see this has a strong impact too. Educating people, keeping everyone updated is important. So that was my little rant, last slide, please, for IGF. I might be preaching for the choir, but I hope that we together can use this year to spread the news about what is an IGF? It's not news, but spread the education and use the facts that I have put in the slides to convince people that this is a forum where you can discuss things and you can make things happen and we can also move the needle every idea.

So the last one is Sofonisba, she was born in 1532, and she was an extremely skilled painter that again, got lost in history. This is called The Chess Players. And she's Italian, lived in a time where women didn't really have a career as a painter. She did it anyway, and worked in Spain for some years and returned to Italy and died there. I think she was 93. So she had a long and good life. Good. With that, sorry for the art, but I think sometimes it also brings another perspective to life.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thank you very much Lise, and thank you for sharing the art. Some of those I had never seen before, so thank you. I appreciate it. We are going into a discussion of our action plan a bit, well, sort of next up on our agenda. And, the WSIS will be very much part of our focus

this year. So Lise, you are very welcome to stay on for the rest of the session if you have time.

But please, let's just thank Lise for that presentation. I'm noticing some guests in the room, including at least a couple from different constituent groups in ICANN. So I thought I would just quickly remind those of us who haven't heard it for a while and perhaps tell people who might be hearing it for the first time, what this committee is about.

We are members of the ccNSO, and this committee was established to coordinate and facilitate, sort of increase engagement of ccTLD managers in internet governance processes and discussions. And of course, many of those take place outside of ICANN. So we meet online by virtually and in-person at ICANN meetings to sort of share information, share ideas.

Many ccTLDs are very closely engaged with the, the internet governance processes in their own countries. So it's a good opportunity for us to learn from each other. And the action plan that we will be coming to at item three, will be shaping our activities for the coming year. But before we get to that, we do have one more admin item to get through. So that's the meeting rotation.

This one is always a tricky issue because we are a very regionally and geographically diverse committee, and there isn't a time zone that sort of suits everybody, but the clocks are changing again. I think people are going into and coming out of daylight-saving time,

so we will need to perhaps adjust our meeting times again once we return back from-- I think we have a slide to just-- so these are our current meeting times or is this what is proposed for?

JOKE BRAEKEN

Thanks, Annaliese. So what you see here on the table is indeed a proposal based on the slots that we currently have. So currently IGLC is meeting I believe at the noon and 12:00 UTC slot. That was selected in ICANN81 as the preferred slot for the rotation between ICANN81 and ICANN82. So we suggested four potential slots of a rotation with four options and added some names of some of the working group members to show the geographical spread of the membership of the IGLC.

The proposed dates for the next meetings are listed at the bottom of the slide, so starting again at the end of March leading up to the ICANN meeting in June. However, the rotation of the group is something that can also be discussed at the next meeting. It would be good to have the meeting on the 26th confirmed for one of those slots, and then continue the discussion at that meeting.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Joke. So we don't need a decision on that right now. We can take that one by email, I think. So if we can all just have a look at that, and I just ask everybody to be understanding and accepting that there will be times that perhaps may not be your preferred time, and that may sometimes be inconvenient for you, but it's never going to be convenient for everybody for every meeting, but

we hope that there will be some time at least that you can participate some of the time. So thank you for that, Joke.

So we'll move into our adoption or agreement discussion of the action plan. So committee members will have received the draft action plan that Joke prepared and circulated. Thank you for your work on that, Joke. But just a quick overview of what it is or how we develop our action plan.

It's updated each year, we undertake a heat mapping exercise where participants are asked to-- it's a brainstorming exercise, a sort of collective sharing of ideas to identify the issues, the internet governance issues that are a hot topic issue in each member's country or in the region. And because this is a group that focuses on broader internet governance issues, it's not necessarily issues that their ccTLD is focused on, but more issues that are relevant in the community.

So we did the brainstorming exercise at ICANN81, and we compiled a list of issues from that that was shared with the broader ccNSO membership for an opportunity for review and to input ideas or topics that may have been missed from the brainstorming exercise. And the heat maps are all on our IGLC webpage, it sort of provides an interesting picture over time, sort of shows how issues are evolving or becoming more prominent or whether any are sort of fading away and no longer a priority issue.

I'm not sure that we've had much of that. It's typically more issues or the same issues still being a priority or new issues being added. And then at our January meeting, we organized the list of issues

that we had grouped them into clusters of similar issues under a like an umbrella heading.

So out of the list of issues, we identified three broad themes that were considered priorities across all of the regions. And with further exploration, the issues were artificial intelligence, resilience, and the future of internet governance. So under the resilience heading, cybersecurity appeared multiple times from multiple regions.

But it also included things like online harms or scams or data governance. There's sort of all kinds of issues that were considered as part of that resilience overarching theme. And the third theme was the future of internet governance. We have the WSIS+20 this year, and much of that is still unknown, but the future of internet governance is a hot topic issue for the whole community, but for this committee in particular. The next step of our action plan is a napkin pitch exercise, and that's just-- we did that online on the 5th of February and the 19th of February.

That sort of helps us just explore a bit further who the stakeholders are for each issue, what the rationale would be for any action or activity that this committee undertook and how it might benefit or fill a necessary gap for either ccTLDs or for the ccNSO as a whole. And in previous years, this napkin pitch exercise has identified sort of concrete actions that we as a committee could take.

But that was less the case this year. We sort of had broad actions like monitoring regulatory developments or monitoring the issue, monitoring trends, sharing information, hosting sessions in ccNSO

meetings and hosting intercession webinars, et cetera. And those sorts of broad activities could apply to all of the themes that we had identified. So we have had discussion further and thought, given the importance of the WSIS+20 discussions and the timeliness it's happening this year that we would perhaps prioritize that as the first issue.

There's space on the program for the Prague meeting ICANN83 for us to have a session on the ccNSO program about WSIS+20 future of internet governance issues, et cetera. But because so much is still unknown, I think we are just suggesting that we be a bit flexible this year and be ready to respond, to monitor it. We can have sessions, but we can also provide updates by the ccNSO newsletter to the rest of the ccNSO membership, and then we can sort of use our intercession meetings as well for exploring resilience and artificial intelligence if we need to. So the resilience theme, we recognize that that does cover topics that are covered by other working groups or other committees in the ccNSO.

For example, we have working groups looking at DNS abuse and there's TLD ops, et cetera. So we are conscious that we don't want to duplicate efforts and we don't want to step into areas that are already being covered by other members of the ccNSO. So we can sort of monitor those issues and coordinate with the other groups and sort of explore issues as we need to with our sort of point of difference from the internet governance committee.

And again, with artificial intelligence, we would just continue to monitor issues, update each other during our meetings, and if there

was something required, we could update the full ccNSO through newsletters, et cetera. I might pause there and see if there are any questions. The next stage would normally be that impact versus effort analysis of a concrete idea, but because we didn't sort of have multiple concrete ideas to choose from, I'm proposing that we sort of focus on the future of internet governance resilience as we need to. But are there any questions, comments, at this point? Oh, sorry, that one.

ANGELA CASSELL BUSH

No, I have a question. I'm still trying to-- my name is Angela and I'm from Liberia. We're the Telecommunications Authority, and we went to the meeting in Turkey, and this is our second meeting. And my question is, I mean, we come to these sessions and we listen, these are very good sessions and we would like to be more actively a part of it. So do we-- because I know it's a committee meeting, what do we need to do to get more involved? And also, I saw something about the ccTLD. We are in the process of trying to have ours rededicated, we have private people managing it. So is there a focal person within this group that we can talk to that can guide us through the process?

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

I might ask you to stay behind at the end of this meeting and perhaps Bart and Joke could direct you. So to be a member of this committee, you do need to be a ccTLD manager. But in terms of

your other questions, perhaps we could have a chat about who to direct you to after the meeting.

ANGELA CASSELL BUSH

Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS:

Are there any comments or anything on the action plan or the draft that Joke has circulated? I'll go over here. Thanks, David.

DAVID MCAULEY

Thanks, Annaliese. Hi, David McAuley speaking, from Verisign and a member of the IGLC. I just struggle sometimes with silence. I want to give you some feedback. This is the direction of travel that we've had for the last several months. Putting the future of internet governance at the top, I think makes eminent sense given where we are now that the GDC's completed. I mean, the implementation's not done, the roadmap's not yet out, but this is obviously an important year for that topic. I think it belongs at the top and deserves most of our focus. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, David. So I'm not seeing any other calls for the floor. Joke, go ahead.

JOKE BRAEKEN

Perhaps Annaliese, just for good measure, we could do a quick show of hands in the Zoom room potentially with green marks if

those of you are a member of the IGLC are not in the Zoom room at the moment, and please make yourself known here in the room. And it would be good to formally conclude this and agree on the next steps. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Joke. So was that an agreement over here? Yeah. So we can adopt the-- I think we have agreement. So thank you everyone. We'll consider the draft action plan to be adopted, and thank you for your work on that, Joke. So the next item to discuss is getting ready for ICANN83 in Prague. So we will be holding a session of some sort and calling for interested members, I think, to help us coordinate that again.

And we'll need to sort of get onto that soon, but things are still-- I think the modalities have not yet been adopted by governments. So we are still in a waiting phase. But there are a number of members of this committee that are watching and following the WSIS process quite closely.

So I'm hoping that there will be many of you willing to leap into action when required. But we will be calling for a small group for that preparation to be holding meetings between now and Prague. But any thoughts or suggestions at this point that anybody would like to propose for that WSIS+20 or future of internet governance session at Prague.

ALICIA HARDING

Alicia from Nominet UK. I think it would be great to focus on kind of some of the outputs that we want from the process in terms of substance as opposed to just the kind of process itself, because I guess with the GDC, we saw that wasn't fully transparent, it was hard to follow it, and a lot of time gets taken up on trying to work out what's actually going on and what governments have seen. And I guess this is similarly well, in this case it's an intergovernmental process, and that's pretty clear. So I guess just, yeah, just to kind of an ask to maybe focus on substance as like, and process being important, but substance being kind of the priority just so there's agreement on what we're trying to achieve.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thank you, Alicia. So Joke, what is our timeframe for calling for volunteers for a small group?

JOKE BRAEKEN

Thanks, Annaliese. I believe that we have a number of meetings planned. Let me make a quick count. So this group resumes its work at the end of March, there are, after that meeting, 1, 2, 3, 4, four meetings by the full group to prepare for ICANN83. So it would be good to have the call for volunteers around mid-April closed so that plans can be concretized after that. I think I just invented a word.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Joke. So by mid-April, if you would like to volunteer, we'll put out a call, but please have a think about that. And we will

continue to keep each other updated of any developments as they arise from the WSIS modalities and as it progresses throughout the next few weeks. So thank you for that, and thank you for adopting the action plan.

I think we have quite a lot to be getting on with just those few issues. So our next item is an update on engagement with other stakeholders. And I did want to just let everybody in the committee know that we have had some informal discussions with some members of the GNSO who are also following the WSIS issues very closely from a GNSO perspective.

There's nothing sort of formal at this stage, but they are keen to perhaps engage with the ccNSO via this committee. So nothing to report at this stage. Marta and I will keep you posted, but just wanted to flag that we had had that reaching out from the GNSO side. So now I think we have an update from ICANN Org. I'm not sure. Do we have? Oh, we have Veni Markovski from the ICANN Government Engagement Team just to give us an update about issues they've been following. Thanks, Veni.

VENI MARKOVSKI

How much time do we have? Like, do we have about 45 minutes? Okay. Some people got the joke. Others, I apologize. But I'll try better next time. So actually, we are right now in a very interesting moment. Saturday is 24 hours after the modalities were released under silence procedure. So until Monday morning at 700 AM Seattle time, if nobody objects or nobody opens them for discussion, there will be identical modalities from 2015, which

means there will be stakeholder participation, informal consultations with the co-facilitators and the member states.

That's an opportunity for everyone here and online and people who want to join or to participate. I hope that they will be actually providing hybrid participation and not only in-person. My memory doesn't help me in remembering what was the situation in 2015 and whether there was online participation or it was only in the room. But still, that's an opportunity.

The negotiations themselves will be as expected between governments only. So if anybody wants to participate in the negotiations, they had to get on a governmental delegation and be in New York City, because they're not gonna be hybrid unless of course there is a new pandemic by October, and then everything will be hybrid. I mean, we've witnessed one, so we have to be open to the opportunity of having another one.

So we have just finished the discussion with the board on the WSIS+20, among other things, discussing it this morning. GE team was talking about what is our strategy. We are still aiming at the three outcomes, which are good for ICANN's community, which is the multi-stakeholder model of internet governance to be reconfirmed, maybe even updated. The technical community to be mentioned as a separate stakeholder, and the IGF to be extended.

I'm saying, when I said updated, we have seen in the, and of course we are looking only at the very narrow point of view from my transmission here. When I say updated, we mean that in 2003, 2005, 2010, sorry, 2015 with the WSIS+10, and last year with the

GDC, we have seen the language about internet governance improving every time when there was a document, and we hope it continues. Lise already mentioned about the IGF hopefully to be extended without the caveat of renewing it every few years. Theresa Swinehart has shared on the WSIS+20 mailing list a document the IGF we want, which very much reflects some of those ideas that were also part of the leadership panel discussions.

And I think it came actually after we had a meeting with the leadership panel in December in Riyadh. And she's also on the MAG, she's been on the MAG before, as I've been and others in ICANN. So needless to say, if you have any questions, you can reach out to me, to my colleagues from GE, Becky is sitting here also, or to Theresa, and I see-- oh, Olga, do you have a question or do you? Oh, people can reach out. Yes, as a MAG member. Yes, I was talking about the people from ICANN who are there engaged. I don't know if you guys have any questions or anything?

JODI ANDERSON

Hi, Veni. Jody, .nz. You mentioned negotiations in person in New York City, and you said October. Do you have information that that's when the negotiations are gonna be?

VENI MARKOVSKI

Well, again, because the modalities are from 2015, the negotiations will happen in the fall. That is the expectation, at least. Those zero draft documents, when published, that's when they will engage in a lot of negotiations. Again, based on the 2015 experience, there

were a lot of debates, discussions, the zero draft that was published initially was very different from the final WSIS+10 outcome document, as it's called, also [00:48:15 - inaudible] 70/125, I think.

So that is the expectation also because we-- oh, one other thing, which thanks for asking because it reminded me, ICANN did a joint briefing with the ITU in New York and in Geneva on February 17th. We had about 70+ people in Geneva, 50+ people in New York. Theresa Swinehart spoke in New York, Kurtis was in Geneva.

Doreen Bogdan-Martin addressed also the gathering in Geneva. It was part of the ITU demystifying series. This time it was demystifying WSIS. So we talked a lot about WSIS+20. The history, Markus Kummer was there, Fiona Alexander spoke also, people who have been since the beginning around WSIS.

And some very good questions and ideas came out of this. One of them was Markus Kummer's reflections of how he as the chair of the [00:49:15 - inaudible], and then working with the working group on internet governance, where the co-facilitators might have some flexibility in deciding how to manage these stakeholder consultations.

They could be done as the GDC did, which there were no notes taking, no recordings, and there was no follow up. Or they could be done with, for example, having some report back to the member states with the ideas and suggestions that might come. And also, we don't know whether they will want to have one consultation on several, depending on the different drafts of the WSIS+20.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Veni. Any other questions for Veni? David, please.

DAVID MACAULEY

Thanks, Annaliese. David McAuley speaking again. Veni, I just missed what you just said. So the briefing with the ITU on February 17th, is that recorded and is there a link to it?

VENI MARKOVSKI

So that was a briefing for diplomats only in New York and in Geneva. So it wasn't webcasted, actually in New York, they didn't have the facilities even for putting something on slides. But I mean, we could put something in writing and distribute it on the WSIS+20 mailing list, maybe that's the best way to do it so that there is some information about it. It wasn't "hidden" cause it was published in the bulletin of the UN and at the webpage of the council working group on internet, which had its session during that week as well.

And we also had actually some member states from that council working group participating. You know what our stake was. What might be more interesting is probably to hear what Fiona and Marcus Kummer would say, or our colleagues from Congo and the ITU. The Congo is not the country, it's the Council of NGOs. Thank you.

DAVID MACAULEY

So if you could put something together, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Any other questions for Veni?

JODI ANDERSON

Jodi, .nz. Is there any plan to do another one of those, sort of leading up, and would it be possible, I don't know if you do this or not maybe I just haven't caught it, to let us know that that's gonna happen so we can badger our government people to go?

VENI MARKOVSKI

Thanks. I mean sure, we hope we can have at least one, maybe two more, maybe one after the IGF when there will be more clarity about different positions, and one in the fall. The governments actually were informed because there is a internal channel of communication, but clearly we can do it and there's your engagement. The fun fact was actually that a good friend of ours from New Zealand in Geneva didn't know about it, but we talked to him, he's a great guy.

But I should have mentioned also, there were other I-star organizations, ISOC did something also in New York, and we are working very closely with them to cooperate and cooperate better for the future because we think that when we come-- I hope we can come together with some of those instances to talk to the

diplomats because then they hear the message from different points of view, but it's still the technical of the I-star community.

And we also notice that you may have seen, some of you may have seen there was a message from the ITU developmental sector about their work with RIPE NCC just like, I think a day or two ago what they're doing with promoting IPv6. So that was something a very good positive sign as well for the engagement of the I-stars.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Veni. Any other questions for Veni? You have something else? Okay, go ahead.

VENI MARKOVSKI

If no more questions, I want to use the opportunity to thank the SO/AC discussion group. I see some of the members are in the room that is in close cooperation with the GE team having regular calls and exchanging information. So maybe some of the things that we were talking about, they already know, but clearly, I take your question or suggestion to make it even more open and reach out to outside of those of the discussion group. And we can use any possible-- Joke, we can do it internally for this group, but also maybe put some information on the WSIS+20 mailing list because most of the people are there. We have now, I forgot the number, but it's close to 600 people from about 90 countries there.

So that's a good opportunity also to reach to governments. Again, my appeal as before is if you have good relations with your governments, reach out to them. Obviously, also, if you can afford

to be in New York for some period of time, reach out to them to get on their delegations and go to New York for the negotiations because it makes a big difference to have experts in the room.

The diplomats are usually negotiating language, which is agreed and is very diplomatic, but every once in a while, there are proposals that touch on the internet governance, the technical unique identifiers, and very important, we should watch the space if there will be proposals coming between now and October from member states or in October when the negotiation start, because we have seen, I mean, it's widely distributed by now.

There have been proposals by certain member states about changing the model, putting this into the discuss-- the latest was actually at the ITU last month at the council working group on WSIS, it was noted. So you can see it, it's on the ITU website the council working group on WSIS and SDGs proposal by Russia and several other countries in the RCC region, and it talks directly about ICANN, et cetera.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Veni. I have a question. As the proposals from member states start rolling in, does the government engagement team have plans to sort of decipher those and share the essence of them with the rest of the community?

VENI MARKOVSKI

Yeah, we've done it in the past, and we plan to, if there are, because this is, again, we don't know whether there will be, but if somebody

puts something out in public, we will definitely have an analysis as quick as we can. And also, we will do, I can even say it now because it's something we did with the GDC, which is as soon as the zero draft is out, the first version of the WSIS+20 outcome document, we'll have webinars. We did it with the GDC twice the day in-- so to cover all the regions of the world, and we'll continue doing that because it was very useful exercise to gain experience from other points of view, but also to share the information that we have and the analysis that we do.

JORDAN CARTER

This is a very boring administrative question, Veni. Sorry. Did you say that the member state contributions to an ITU stock taking or something are being published on their website at the moment?

VENI MARKOVSKI

Yeah, this was published in February. So it's the Council Working Group on WSIS and SDG. So if you go to the ITU website, council working groups, they're like six or seven and the WSIS, and WSIS [00:57:55 - inaudible] and SDG, all the contributions are published, including this one, which is from like six or seven countries, and it's about topics that we just said it's about ICANN.

JORDAN CARTER

Someone yesterday mentioned that there was a Saudi Arabia contribution there that was supportive of the multi-stakeholder model.

VENI MARKOVSKI

There was a Saudi contribution in the public consultation. Actually, it was on the council working group on internet, I believe, which was actually facing the way the IPv-- I think it was related to IPv6. I'm now trying not to confuse it with something else that I'm thinking about. But yeah, there was a positive contribution by Saudi Arabia mentioning the contributions of other organization.

And in fact, as I said, there are some signs they hosted the idea there supportive of the work that the areas are doing. So that's, I could say, it gives some foods after years of engagement on many different organizations, ccTLDs, IRRs, ICANN, ISOC, there are some results out of this.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Any other questions for Veni? Are there any questions for Lise while we still have her?

DAVID MCAULEY

Thanks, Annaliese. Lise, if we could ask a question. Thanks. David McAuley again, speaking for the record. I recognize you said you're just in discussions, don't have recommendations yet, but in the discussion are any of the funding ideas that you're discussing, is there anything of promise that's bubbling towards the top?

LISE FUHR

So you're asking if the funding is-- yeah, I just-

DAVID MCAULEY

If there are funding ideas under discussion that show great promise, that you think may make their way towards a recommendation.

LISE FUHR

Well, we have two recommendations for funding. One is the UN funds part of the Secretariat, and the other one is that we look at the funding that's being done at the SDGs, where it's a different kind of, you have much more visibilities of those who are supporting and we're looking into how can we do that in the UN framework because it is, as a sponsor, you have a limited ability to be highlighted.

It's a tricky one because we don't want the big corporates to eat it all, but we still want the funding for it. So yes, we are looking at, to me, what I would call a two ways of funding so that we have some guaranteed funding from the UN system as such, and then have a more long-term commitment from some of the private funding.

And I think we did it one year in, I think it was in Bali. I think it was Sarah calling for a commitment from the ccNSOs to say we will support three or five years, I can't remember, but we signed up and committed to a certain amount of funding for three or five years. And I think that kind of commitment right now would be powerful, a powerful signal for the WSIS+20, because right now everyone are just tiptoeing around saying, oh, the funding, yes, it's nice. So if we

can get funding from the UN, but I think we need a mixed funding here. I don't know if that answers your question.

VENI MARKOVSKI

Just, sorry, David, to add to that, actually there are pluses and minuses in this approach because budget under the UN has some strings attached and budget outside of the UN, like it's now gives some more freedoms to the secretariat because it's outside of the UN budget, but it's still managed by UN-DESA. So it's not like it's at their will to spend.

And UN-DESA has shown that they're very flexible and they understand a lot of the multi-stakeholder environment. So, be careful what you wish for in a way. And also, UN is under budgeted. Those of you who have been in Geneva may have noticed that, for example, the escalators don't work in order to show them that we don't have money to pay the electric bill. That's their statement, but in fact, they do have problems of collecting the money that they need.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Any other questions for Veni or Lise? I don't see any online either. So well, thank you Veni, and thank you Lise, for joining us. I'm sure as the over the coming weeks and months, we will engage with each of you through this committee further. So thank you for joining us. And we will look forward to any ICANN publications, Veni, with further information as it's available.

VENI MARKOVSKI

Thanks. While we were talking, and thank you again for the opportunity while we were talking, I noticed my colleagues are sending messages to each other saying we should do this and this and that, so expect to hear more.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

We will look forward to it. Thanks, Veni. The next item on our list is just a heads up really that on Tuesday, this coming Tuesday at 13:15, we have the ccNSO updates. So along with the chairs of other working groups and committees, I'll be providing an update on the work of this committee, including the action plan that we have just agreed and a quick overview of some of our work last year. So just notice that that is happening. Thanks, Lise.

So our next item, we are running ahead of schedule because we had planned to do the impact versus effort analysis of the activities which we haven't done. So our next item is just a call for any other business, and I'll also include in that whether anyone has any internet governance updates from their country or region that they wanted to share.

FEDERICA TORTORELLA

Hello, everyone. My name is Federica. I'm the policy officer at LACTLD. I just wanted to share that we recently shared a report where we map the role of ccTLDs of Latin American and the Caribbean in internet governance spaces from local and regional perspective. The main conclusion of this report shows that the

ccTLDs participate in local and regional internet governance spaces like LAC IGF and their own local internet governance forums.

And they also host and train and participate in training initiatives and implement projects related to the subjects. And also, we could see that they are the voices of the technical community in multisector national bodies. We have plenty of examples of that. So this report is in Spanish, but also available in English, and it's available in our website, the preliminary version, sorry. So I invite you, we invite you to read it, and please feel free to reach us if you have any questions. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Federica. And perhaps I could invite you to just drop a link to that in the chat of the Zoom room if you are logged in.

FEDERICA TORTORELLA

I'm not, but maybe on the mailing list I can send a quick email. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

That would be great. Thank you. I have Olga, please.

OLGA CAVALLI

Thank you. Thank you very much. I would like to stress the fact that we are in a very important moment of the history of the IGF. It's important that we all get involved and say what we think about

it. And a way to enhance participation and give the notice to governments, for example, is to present an open forum proposal or a workshop proposal to the next IGF in Norway.

So that window is closing very soon on the 14th of March. So if you need details, I will be around the whole week. I'm a MAG member again after eight years before I've been, again named for being in the back. So this is a very important moment for enhancing a multi-stakeholder space of participation as the IGF is.

So if you have ideas, you can do it online or on site, different formats of participation workshops, open forums for governments, [01:08:24 - inaudible] talks and other activities. So if you are interested, all the information is in the IGF website govforum.org or find me somewhere and I'm happy to help. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Olga. I know at least some of us are planning to put in session proposals. But if you've got an idea and you would like to discuss with Olga, then please do. I think it's important that we do participate in the last IGF of its current mandate. So I'll go over here and then over here please.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ

Thank you. One of the things I'd like to bring and share with you is that the Caribbean region has celebrated a Trinidad and Tobago Internet Governance forum, in which a number of ccTLD operators

from that particular region got together and became quite involved in discussing the various topics that we have been touching here.

Consequently, in LAC space, I will be bringing some of this information, sharing some of this information with them, and inviting them to also join and participate in this type of meetings such that they can bring their points of view and how they can take advantage of this. I'm quite sure that they have plenty to share and to benefit from. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thank you, and thanks.

MARY UDUMA

Thank you very much. My name is Mary, I'm from Nigeria, and I coordinate the West Africa Internet Governance Forum. At the national level, the ccTLD in my country, Nigeria who's the IGF as a secretariat, and so they support that as well financially and otherwise. So I will want to see that-- I don't know whether we've been able to achieve the objective of having most ccTLDs, the larger ccTLDs, not members of this committee participate effectively at the national or regional or subregional ideas.

I think it's very, very key because we bring in all the stakeholders, and then we'll be able to level up with the government in particular. Some national IGF structure may not include the government, but maybe ccTLDs are also involved. I don't know whether we have been preaching this to the larger ccTLD to be able to be part of that.

And it has helped a lot in translating our recommendations at the national level to the other stakeholders as well as the government. And that is what I want to share and that I also want to ask how far we have gone in getting most ccTLDs involved in the IG processes in their countries. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Mary. Yes, I think many ccTLDs do play that sort of important role with their IGFs connecting the governments and communities. And certainly, many members of this committee are very closely involved in the national policy discussions. So thank you. We'll go down the end, I think, was it you Everton, or? Yeah. And then up here.

EVERTON RODRIGUES

Thank you, Annaliese. Everton Rodrigues from NIC.br for the record. Well, I just would like to let you know that CGI.br has just launched the translations of NETmundial+10 outcome document. So this translation is available in all UN six languages and Portuguese. So it was launched a few days ago, and we also have other translations on our website and it was also made on a multi stakeholder basis. So well, I'll drop the link in the chat, and it will be very good if you all helped to spread the word about NETmundial+10 as well. Thank you.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Everton. And congratulations on getting your translations published. I'm sure that members of this committee will help

circulate those amongst their own communities. I think we had-- was it you, Jordan? Did you-- Yep, go ahead.

JORDAN CARTER

Thanks, Annaliese. Jordan Carter, .au. One of the ideas I was having a chat about with Lise Fuhr before the session today was actually a few weeks ago, was she was wondering whether it might be possible to rally an ICANN community participant statement in support of the internet governance forum. Something that people could sign on to just give a bit of a show of support for the IGF.

So there's no formal process for any of these things, obviously. So I've drafted a Google Doc with a draft statement, which I've only done in the last half hour or so. But I'm tossing up whether to just put the link to that in the chat so anyone can see it or to ask people to email me if they want to see it, just because it's not really ready to share publicly yet.

So if you are interested in getting like the next version of that to review and perhaps share, you can email me, I'll put my email address in the chat. And when it's had a little bit of work and is actually not just one person's random thoughts, I'll send a link to it out on the IGLC emailing list so that everyone has the chance to see it and consider it, maybe shape it or sign on as they like.

Just think that it's good to get a diversity of voices pushing in the same direction, calling for, I think as Veni said, the renewal of the IGFs mandate and to make that a permanent facet of the WSIS system, not something that's up for reconsideration every 5 or 10

years. And to increase the amount of funding available to the secretariat of the IGF so that it can support more effectively the work of the very diverse IGF community and the NRIs and so on. So, just wanted to let people know about that.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Jordan. And what's the proposed timeframe for sort of finalizing or publishing such a statement?

JORDAN CARTER

I don't know. I haven't had any input from anyone on that yet, but I think it's something to act on while we're here. So maybe by next Thursday. Yeah.

ANNALIESE WILLIAMS

Thank you for that. So if you are interested in that, please grab Jordan either in person or via email. Any other updates or items from anybody? I don't see any. So in that case, we will draw the meeting to a close. You can beat the rush to lunch, and hope to see you on Tuesday at the ccNSO member meeting, and otherwise look forward to chatting to you all throughout the week. Thanks, everyone. The meeting's closed.

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